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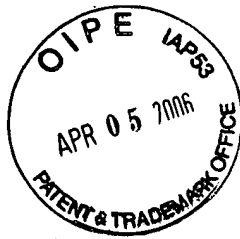
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Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed October 5, 2005. The period for response is extended herein by three months to April 5, 2006.

Claims 13-21 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Sako et al. This rejection is traversed for the following reasons.

Independent claims 13-15 include recitations drawn to signal transmission and/or receiving apparatuses, and claims 19-21 include recitations drawn to signal transmission and/or receiving methods. Each of the independent claims recites that (i) the data stream has a plurality of frames with frame sync data located at the beginning of each frame, (ii) each frame has a plurality of data blocks following the frame sync data, and (iii) each data block has a block sync data located at the beginning of each block. These features are not disclosed by Sako.

According to Sako, particularly in column 4, lines 46-57, and Fig. 1, the following two features are disclosed.

1) One block (or one sector) includes 98 frames. The "block" of Sako corresponds to the "frame" of the present invention, and the "frame" of Sako corresponds to the "data block" of the present invention.